

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 9, and 14 are the independent claims. Claims 1-4, 7-15, and 18-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barney (U.S. 6,289,341) in view of Kirsch (U.S. 5,659,732). Claims 5-6 and 16-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barney, Kirsch, and Davies (U.S. 5,931,907). Applicants traverse the rejections, and respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejection of these claims.

The Office Action indicated that, for the amended claims submitted in the last amendment of September 8, 2004, the Applicant needs to point out the patentable novelty which those claims present in view of the art disclosed by the references. The Office Action also indicated that the Applicant needs to show how the amendments avoid the references or objections.

With respect to independent Claims 1, 9, and 14, the patentable novelty which the claims present in view of the art disclosed by the references, and the support in Applicant's application, are indicated below:

- Putting pages that satisfy a first set of rules related to entity-specific criteria defining information relevant to an entity in a first subset of pages (see Applicant's specification, page 3, line 26 to page 4, line 4; page 25, lines 10-22).
- Parsing content of the first subset of pages using a second set of rules inclusive of the first set of rules and adding rules related to searching for at least one key word in at least one predetermined category to generate a second subset of pages (see Applicant's specification, page 18, 3-10; page 25, lines 10-22).
- Scoring the second subset of pages utilizing a third set of rules incorporating analyzed statistics based on the first and second set of rules and incorporating additional information (see Applicant's specification, page 4, lines 4-10; page 25, lines 10-22).

- Generating a report utilizing a fourth set of rules that prioritizes results of the second and third set of rules, including analyzed statistics and additional information (see Applicant's specification page 4, lines 10-23; page 25, lines 10-22).

The above features avoid the references Barney and Kirsch as indicated below. Particular sections of these references are cited for the Examiner's convenience.

- Barney discloses an intelligent agent for identifying intellectual property infringement issues in computer network sites. Barney searches web sites and "compares data at those sites with certain IP indicia to determine whether the data are similar. Similarity indicates the presences of a potential infringement issue that should subsequently be manually investigated." (See Barney, Summary, paragraph 2.) Barney returns only a list of web sites (suspected infringements) or one web site (suspected infringement), along with an examination depth indicator. A user is required to review the web site(s) to determine if it/they are in fact relevant. (See Barney, Summary, paragraph 8; Detailed Description, paragraph 6.) In contrast to the present invention, among other features, Barney does not generate a report pulling and combining information from web sites, let alone a report utilizing a fourth set of rules that prioritizes results of a second and third set of rules, including analyzed statistics and additional information.
- Kirsch is a document search method using a plurality of databases available from one or more servers using one or more search engines. Kirsch returns statistics about query terms in a particular web page (documents). (See Kirsch, Summary.) A final relevance score for each web page (document) is computed. (See Kirsch, Best Mode for Carrying Out the Invention.) In contrast to the present invention, among other features, Kirsch does not generate a report pulling and combining information from web sites, let alone a report utilizing a fourth set of rules that prioritizes results of a second and third set of rules,


including analyzed statistics and additional information.

Per the arguments above, independent Claims 1, 9, and 14 are patentable over Barney and Kirsch. Claims 2-8, 10-13, and 15-19 depend on Claims 1, 9, or 14, and are thus also patentable.

Applicants believe that the application is now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application into better form, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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